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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Box No. I Basis of the report

- With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
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the description:
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the claims:
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the description, pages _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 ~ 13	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2 ~ 13	YES
	Claims	1	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 ~ 13	YES
	Claims	None	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents :

D1 : US6519223 B1 (2003. 02. 11)

D2 : KR20030004618 A (2003. 01. 15)

The subject matter of claims 1~13 meets the requirement of Article 33(2) because above documents do not disclose the step of determining whether maximum management time of a transmitter is exceeded.

Claims 1~13 relate to a method for re-transmitting packets in a mobile communication system. On the other hand, the closest prior art D1 discloses a method for implementing a retransmission protocol that utilizes selective repeat ARQ and segmentation-assembly of data packets.

When comparing claim 1 with D1, claim 1 is different from document D1 in that claim 1 uses the maximum management time of a transmitter while document D1 uses maximum delay allowable for transmission of data packets. But this difference is nothing but a trivial one because both inventions have a common feature that a data packet is discarded when a certain amount of time is exceeded.

Therefore, the subject matter of claims 2~13 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)~(4) except claim 1 which does not involve an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(3) PCT.